

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A ~~tubular body~~ joint eye formed from a sheet metal blank having a pair of stamped sleeve parts having axial end surfaces and connected by a web, said tubular body comprising

a pair of stamped circumferentially closed sleeve parts connected by a one-piece connecting web, said sleeve parts being coaxial and having respective axial end surfaces which are mutually facing to form a ~~circumferentially-closed~~ one-piece joint eye, said sleeve parts further having respective opposed end surfaces facing oppositely from respective said mutually facing end surfaces, wherein each said sleeve part has an axial length extending from the mutually facing end surface to the opposed end surface, most of said length extending between said connecting web and the respective mutually facing end surface.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A ~~tubular body~~ joint eye as in claim 1 further comprising one of a spring element and a damping element pressed into said sleeve parts and holding said sleeve parts together under tension.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A ~~tubular body~~ joint eye as in claim 2 wherein said one of said spring element and said damping element comprises axial stops which hold said

sleeve parts together under tension, said axial stops being located outside of said sleeve parts, oppositely from said mutually facing end surfaces.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A ~~tubular body~~ joint eye as in claim 1 wherein said sleeve parts have ~~respective opposed end surfaces facing oppositely from said mutually facing end surfaces, and~~ respective inside walls extending between said mutually facing end surfaces and said opposed end surfaces, each said sleeve part having a transition surface pressed into the opposed end surface and leading into the inside wall.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A ~~tubular body~~ joint eye as in claim 1 wherein said sleeve parts are welded together.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A ~~tubular body~~ joint eye as in claim 1 wherein said web comprises a stamped pass-through opening.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A ~~tubular body~~ joint eye as in claim 6 wherein said pass-through opening has an expanded diameter adjacent to said sleeve parts.

Claim 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): A ~~tubular body~~ joint eye as in claim 1 wherein said web comprises mutually opposed side edges having respective parallel flats for applying a wrench.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A ~~tubular body~~ joint eye as in claim 1 wherein said connecting web comprises a transverse web which can serve as a retainer during fabrication of the tubular body.

Claims 11-15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (new): A joint eye as in claim 1 wherein said connecting web is connected to said sleeves flushly with said opposed end surfaces.

Claim 17 (new): A joint eye as in claim 16 wherein said connecting web has a pass-through opening located centrally between said end surfaces.